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SUBJECT: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

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1. THE LOGICAL EXTENSION OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN REFTEL B WOULD BE TO URGE DIRECT AND REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE EC-9 GROUP IN NEW YORK (PARA 4, REF A). ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO INTENSIFICATION OF EC-9 COHESION ON ISSUES COMING UP IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES. THUS, WE HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE TO SEEKING CLOSER COOPERATION WITH EC-9 DESPITE THE DANGERS MENTIONED IN PARA 5A OF REF D.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF EASSIBILITY, USUN IS OF COURSE IN A BETTER POSITION TO OFFER ADVICE. IN OUR VIEW, THE COMMISSION STAFF IN N.Y. SHOULD BE USED TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT IN IMPROVING OUR CONTACTS WITH THE EC-9.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOUND HISTORICAL, POLICY, OR
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PRACTICAL REASONS FOR THE PECULIAR WEOG SET UP DES-

CRIBED IN REF D, THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE LOGIC (AT LEAST ON ECONOMIC MATTERS) IN HAVING AN INSTITUTIONALIZED GROUPING OF OECD COUNTRIES (FORMALLY ESTABLISHED UNDER UNCTAD AS GROUP B). IN SUCH A GROUPING, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE US TO BE A FULL PARTICIPANT AT ALL LEVELS . SUCH A STRUCTURE MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO ARRANGE US-EC 9 CONSULTATIONS BEFORE POSITIONS ARE FIRMED UP(IF TIME PERMITS) OR AT LEAST BEFORE GOING INTO THE WIDER WESTERN GROUP.

4. WE FULLY SUPPORT EMBASSY BONN'S VIEW (REFTEL C) THAT WE SHOULD NOT NEGLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF BILATERAL CONTACTS IN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR OUR UN (OR OTHER) POSITIONS. WE FEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IF APPROACHES ARE MADE IN EC 9 CAPITALS PRIOR TO THEIR BEING MADE TO THE EC-9 PRESIDENCY OR THE EC IN NEW YORK. WE RISK GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF ASSIGNING SECOND RANK STATUS, BOTH TO THE ESTABLISHED US/EC CHANNELS FOR DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE "NEWYORK CONNECTION" WHICH WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WHERE, AS IN THE KOREAN CASE CITED BY EMBASSY BONN, THERE IS A PARTICULAR REASON TO APPROACH A CAPITAL DIRECTLY, THIS BE DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN CAPITALS (ESPECIALLY PRESIDENCY) AND IN NEW YORK.
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